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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Myrtie Barker collection
Date	1907-1985
Extent	5.0 Cubic feet 10 manuscript boxes
Language	English

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Biographical Note

Myrtie Barker was a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, the daughter of Harry G. and Mary A. Barker. She was born July 24, 1910 and died January 28, 1983. At age eleven she was struck with polio, after which she was homeschooled and found a love of writing. From 1938-1949, Myrtie wrote a weekly column for the *Sheridan News*, "The Lighthouse." Later she was hired by the *Indianapolis News* to write a column three times weekly, titled "My Window" (1949-1983). She was the author of three books: "Parade of Days" (1957), "I Am Only One" (1963), and "Where Is Everybody?" (1968).

Scope and Contents

This collection includes ten manuscript boxes of material covering Myrtie Barker's career in Indianapolis, Indiana ranging from 1907 to 1985 regarding her life and family.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the following series:

- Series 1: Personal papers, 1920-1985; undated
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- Series 9: Family papers, 1907-1983

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a records donation from Myrtie Barker on 1983/07/14.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2014/08/01 by Danielle Adams. EAD finding aid created 2014/08/01 by Danielle Adams.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Indianapolis News.

Genre(s)

- Articles
- Clippings

Personal Name(s)

- Adams, Abigail, 1744-1818
- Adams, Louisa Catherine, 1775-1852
- Harrison, Anna Tuthill Symmes, 1775-1864
- Jackson, Rachel, 1767-1828
- Jefferson, Martha, 1748-1782
- Madison, Dolley, 1768-1849
- Monroe, Elizabeth, 1768-1830
- Taft, Helen Herron, 1861-1943
- Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Subject(s)

- Authors and publishers
- Family history
- Genealogical research
- Newspaper publishing--United States--History
- Poetry
- Writing

Series 1: Personal papers, 1920-1985; undated

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Personal papers, 1920-1985; undated		
	Box	Folder
Myrtie Barker biographical articles, 1969	1	1
Early published articles scrapbook pages, 1920-1930	1	2
Scrapbook, 1931-1935	1	3
"Lighthouse" article scrapbook, 1939-1948	1	4
Journal, 1948-1972	1	5
Miss Orvis class papers, 1936	1	6
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) creative writing course, 1970	1	7
Awards, 1926-1981	1	8
Plaques, 1970	1	9
"Through Myrtie Barker's Window" documents, 1985	1	10

Series 2: Newspaper article clippings, 1956-1982

Name plate, undated	1	10
Christmas ornament, 1974	1	11
	Box	Volume
"Adam, Where Are You?" book, 1963	1	1
"The Go-Getter" book, 1976	1	2
Haldeman-Julius, "Josh Billings Humorous Epigrams" booklet, undated	1	3

Series 2: Newspaper article clippings, 1956-1982

	Box	Object
Article newspaper clippings, 1959-1982	2	1-185
Article newspaper clippings, 1956-1960	3	1-138

Series 3: "My Window" newspaper articles, approximately 1966-1979

	Box	Folder
"My Window" typed columns, undated	4	1
"My Window" typed columns, 1940s	4	2
"My Window" typed columns, undated	4	3

Series 4: Inspirational columns, approximately 1946-1979

"My Window" unfinished articles, undated	4	4
"My Window" and miscellaneous unfinished articles, undated	4	5
"My Window" articles, 1966-1979	4	6

Series 4: Inspirational columns, approximately 1946-1979

	Box	Folder
Column ideas, undated	5	1
Handkercheifs, undated	5	2
Column ideas,	5	3
Column ideas, undated	5	4
Column ideas, undated	5	5
Column Ideas, 1946-1979	5	6
Miscellaneous articles, 1969	5	7

Series 5: Articles, 1931-1980; undated

	Box	Folder
<i>American Girl</i> articles, 1946-1978	6	1

Series 5: Articles, 1931-1980; undated

<i>Sunshine Magazine</i> article, 1966	6	2
<i>Writer's Digest</i> article, 1973	6	3
<i>Better Homes and Gardens</i> article, 1961	6	4
<i>The Rotarian</i> articles, 1939-1970	6	5
<i>Seventeen Magazine</i> articles, 1973-1978	6	6
<i>The Early American Society</i> articles, 1972-1974	6	7
<i>The Review of the News</i> article, 1969	6	8
<i>The National Catholic Press</i> article, 1972	6	9
<i>Caddie Call</i> article, 1966	6	10
<i>GRIT</i> article, 1975	6	11
<i>Image</i> article, 1969	6	12
<i>Gardening</i> story, undated	6	13
<i>Cross Had Power</i> article, undated	6	14
<i>The Homing Pigeon</i> article, undated	6	15

Series 5: Articles, 1931-1980; undated

<i>Infantile Paralysis</i> articles, undated	6	16
<i>Strauss Centennial Show</i> article, 1953-1965	6	17
<i>Progressive Grocer</i> article 1972	6	18
<i>The Pen is More Potent than the Pistol</i> article, undated	6	19
<i>Land of Pilgrim Lore</i> article, undated	6	20
<i>Blue Star Memorial Highway</i> article, 1978-1980	6	21
<i>Sheridan News</i> , "The Lighthouse" article, 1949	6	22
<i>Home Acres and Countryside Magazine</i> article, 1931	6	23
Biography articles, undated	7	1
Martha Custis Washington biography, undated	7	2
Abigail Smith Adams biography, 1946-1948	7	3
Martha Skelton Jefferson biography, 1937-1940	7	4
Dolly Payne Madison biography, 1948	7	5
Elizabeth Kortright Monroe biography, undated	7	6

Series 6: Books, 1957-1968

Louise Johnson Adams biography, undated	7	7
Rachel Robards Jackson biography, undated	7	8
Hannah Hoes Van Buren biography, 1970	7	9
Anna Symmes Harrison biography, undated	7	10
Letitia Christian Tyler biography, undated	7	11
Helen Herron Taft biography, undated	7	11
Calvin Coolridge biography, undated	7	13
Fiction articles, undated	7	14
Series 6: Books, 1957-1968		
	Box	Folder
Barker, Myrtie "I Am Only One" drafts, 1963	7	15
Barker, Myrtie "Where Is Everybody?" drafts, 1968	7	16
	Box	Volume
Barker, Myrtie "My Window Parade of Days" book, 1957	7	1
Barker, Myrtie "I Am Only One" book, 1963	7	2

Series 7: Speeches, 1963-1979; undated

Barker, Myrtie "Where Is Everybody?" book, 1968	7	3
Series 7: Speeches, 1963-1979; undated		
	Box	Folder
Indianapolis Council of Women speech, 1958	8	1
Church related speeches, 1956-1963	8	2
Speeches, 1956-1962	8	3
Speeches, 1963	8	4
Speeches, 1964-1966	8	5
Speeches, 1967-1968	8	6
Speeches, 1969-1979	8	7
Speeches, undated	8	8
Speeches, undated	8	9
Series 8: Correspondence, 1935-1985		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence, undated	9	1

Series 9: Family papers, 1907-1983

Correspondence, 1935-1959	9	2
Correspondence, 1960-1970	9	3
Correspondence, 1971-1977	9	4
Correspondence, 1978-1983	9	5
Address book, 1965-1971	9	6

Series 9: Family papers, 1907-1983

	Box	Folder
Mary Barker's "Shortridge High School" annual, 1907	10	1
Mary A. Barker "Brooklawn" sketches, undated	10	2
Harry G. Barker papers, 1916-1952	10	3
Barker family correspondence, 1909-1983	10	4
Memorial articles, 1983	10	5
Sympathy cards, 1983	10	6
Financial papers, 1948-1983	10	7

Series 9: Family papers, 1907-1983

Financial record book, 1960-1973	10	8
	Box	Volume
"Babbit" book, 1922	10	1
Visitors and flowers memorial register, 1983	10	2